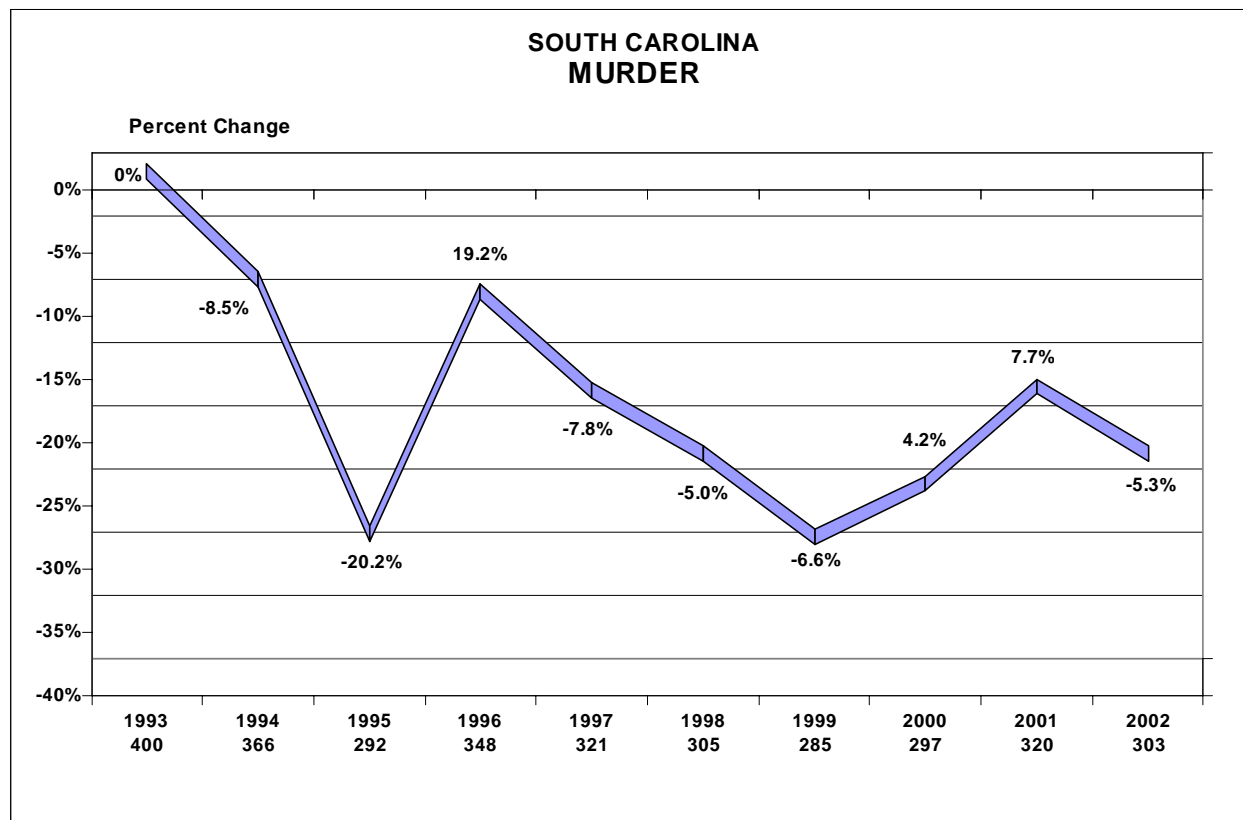


MURDER

DEFINITION

Murder is defined as the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another, except those cases classified as justifiable homicides. Under the UCR definition, justifiable homicides are specifically limited to the killing of an offender by a police officer in the line of duty, or the killing, during the commission of a serious crime, of a criminal by a private citizen. This definition does not take into consideration the findings of coroners' juries, or other courts. Suicides are not defined as murder under UCR. Attempts to commit murder are classified as aggravated assaults.



2002 SUMMARY

A total of 303 murder victims was reported in the 2002 crime index. During this year, the number of murders decreased 5.3 percent compared to those reported in 2001.

There were 295 persons arrested for murder statewide in 2002.

Murders accounted for 0.9 percent of all violent crimes and 0.1 percent of the total crime index. The index murder rate in South Carolina was 0.74 per 10,000 persons.

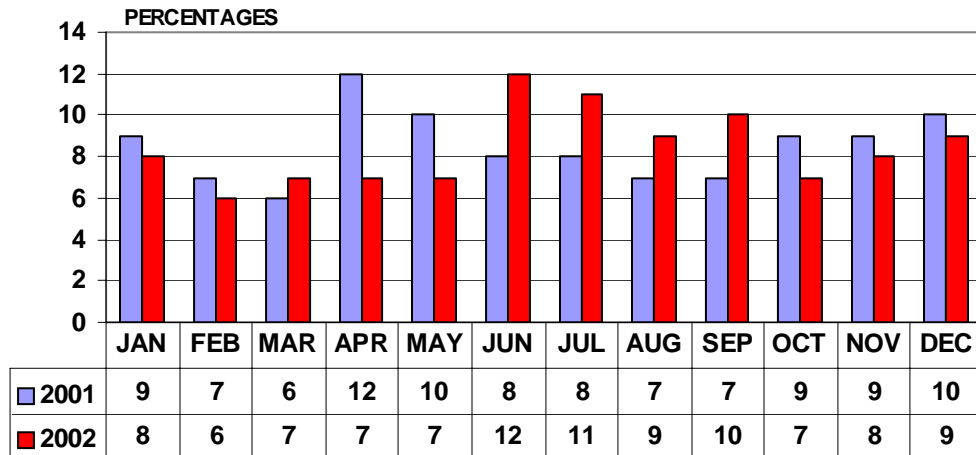
The age group 17-24 accounted for 44.7 percent of persons arrested for murder. Males represented 89.5 percent of the total arrests made for murder.

Firearms were used in 66.0 percent of the murders, cutting instruments in 10.8 percent, hands and feet in 6.3 percent, other weapons in 11.9 percent, and unknown weapons in 4.9 percent.

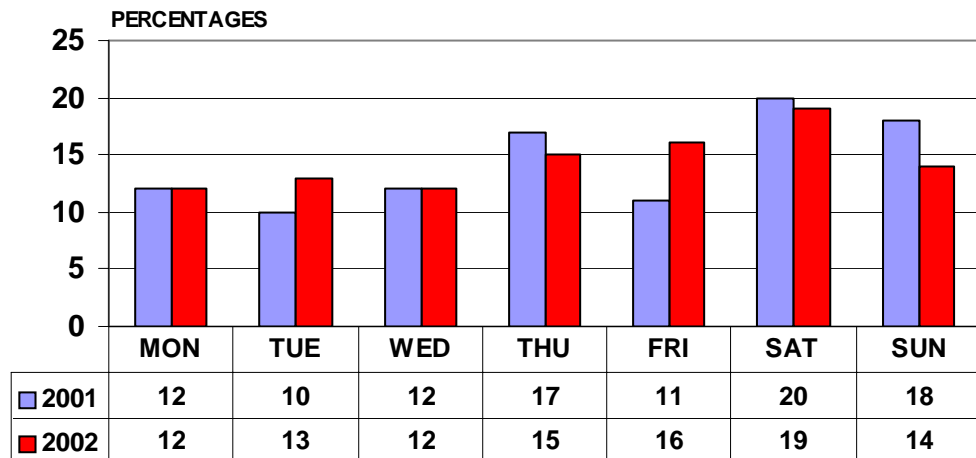
Victims were known to have been using alcohol at the time of the offense in 3.5 percent of the cases, drugs in 0.3 percent, and alcohol and drugs in 1.0 percent.

Offenders were known to have been using alcohol at the time of the offense in 10.1 percent of the cases, drugs in 2.1 percent, and alcohol and drugs in 1.4 percent.

MURDER INCIDENTS BY MONTH



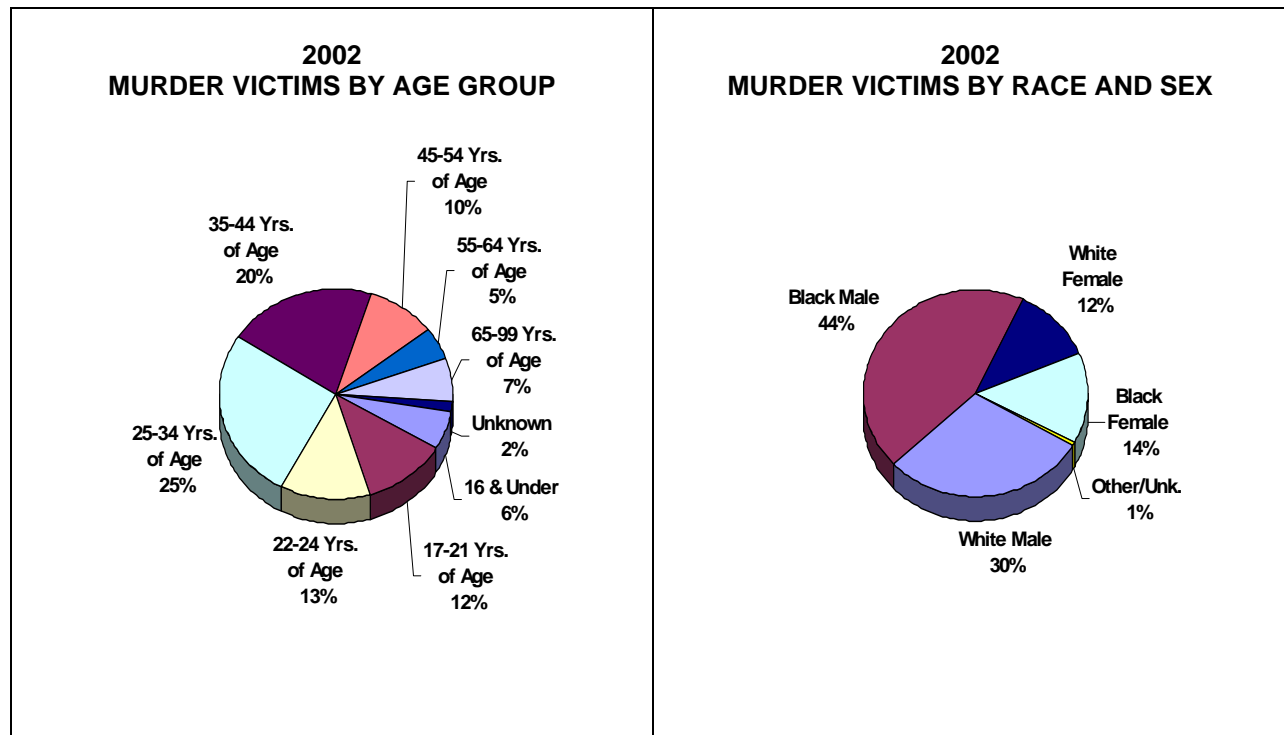
MURDER INCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK



2002 MURDER VICTIMS BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	Unk Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female	Unk Female	Unk Unk
Infant	4	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
01 – 04	5	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
05 – 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	9	1	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
17 – 21	35	6	16	0	0	3	10	0	0	0
22 – 24	38	10	24	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
25 – 34	80	15	47	0	0	7	10	1	0	0
35 – 44	63	28	17	0	0	7	11	0	0	0
45 – 54	29	11	10	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
55 – 64	15	6	5	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
65 – 99	20	9	4	0	0	4	3	0	0	0
Unknown	5	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
State Total	303	90	133	0	1	35	43	1	0	0

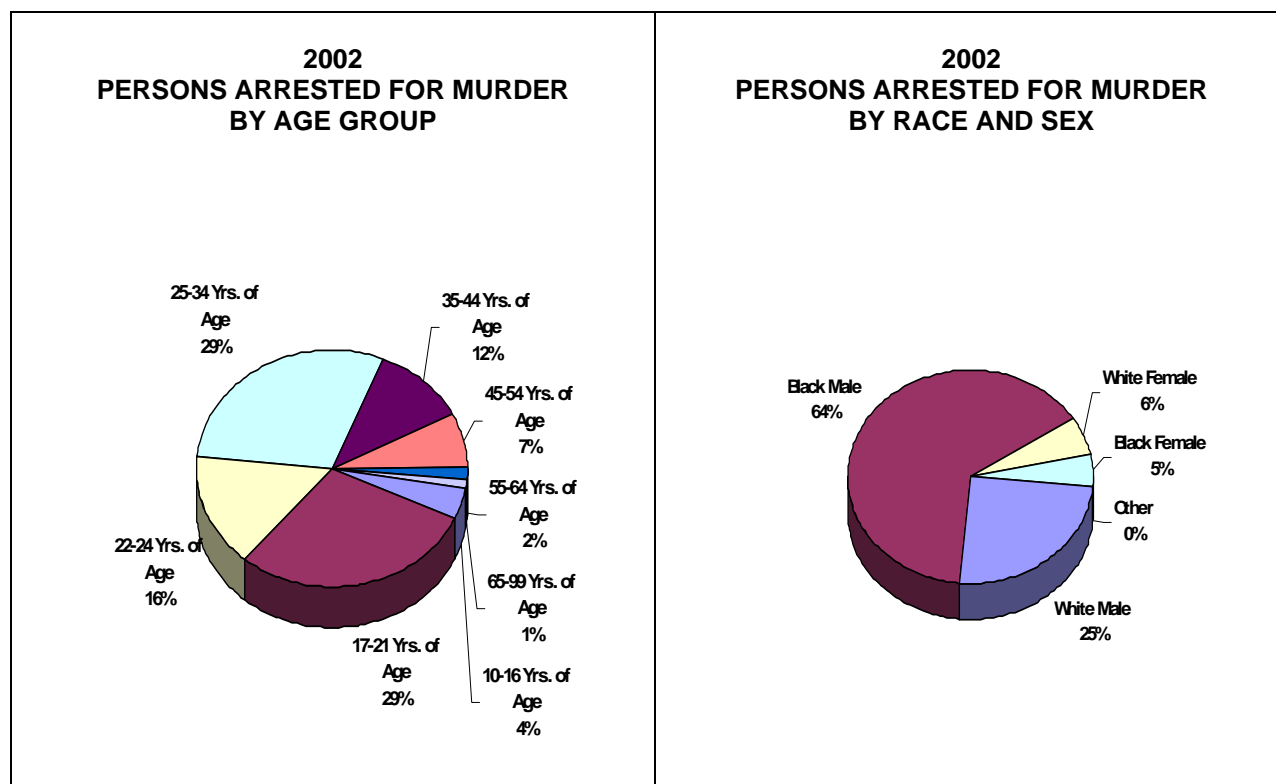
NOTE: The victim counts shown here are taken from a report which selects only the most serious offense (hierarchy) in an incident, and may vary from victim counts shown elsewhere.



Thirty percent of murder victims reported in 2002 were white males, 10 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 44 percent were black males, 19 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 12 percent, while black females accounted for 14 percent of murder victims reported in 2002; 20 percent of the white females and 28 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

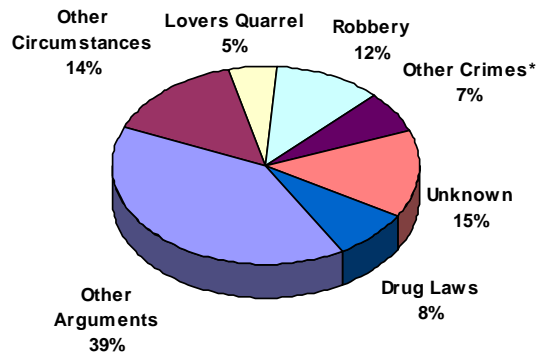
2002 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR MURDER BY AGE, SEX, RACE

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05 – 09	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	12	4	6	0	1	1	0
17 – 21	86	11	63	0	7	5	0
22 – 24	46	14	30	0	2	0	0
25 – 34	88	21	59	0	3	4	0
35 – 44	34	12	16	0	3	3	0
45 – 54	21	7	13	0	1	0	0
55 – 64	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
65 – 99	4	0	3	0	0	1	0
State Total	295	74	190	0	17	14	0



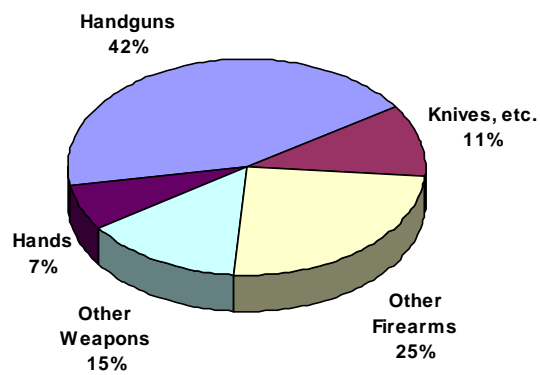
Twenty-five percent of persons arrested for murder in 2002 were white males, 20 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 64 percent were black males, 36 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 6 percent of persons arrested for murder, while black females accounted for 5 percent of persons arrested. Forty-seven percent of the white females and 43 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

**2002
MURDER CIRCUMSTANCE DISTRIBUTION**



* (Rape, B & E, Arson, Other Sex, Other Crimes, Police Killed, Gangland Killings)

**2002
MURDER WEAPON DISTRIBUTION**



2002 MURDER VICTIM DISTRIBUTION BY CIRCUMSTANCE AND WEAPON

Circumstance	Handgun	Shotgun	Other Guns	Knife or Cutting Instr.	Hands, Etc.	Other Wpns.	Total	% Distr.
Rape	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0.7
Robbery	17	0	3	5	2	8	35	11.6
B & E	5	0	1	0	0	0	6	2.0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Other Sex Off.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Drug Laws	12	1	9	1	0	1	24	7.9
Other Crimes	2	1	2	0	0	2	7	2.3
Lovers Quarrel	11	3	0	1	0	0	15	5.0
Police Killed	3	2	0	0	0	0	5	1.7
Juvenile Gang	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Gangland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Arguments	54	11	18	18	6	13	120	39.6
Other	20	1	6	3	9	6	45	14.9
Unknown	7	5	12	4	2	14	44	14.5
State Total	131	24	51	33	20	44	303	100.0
% Distr.	43.2	7.9	16.8	10.9	6.6	14.5		

2000-2002 MURDER VICTIM CIRCUMSTANCE DISTRIBUTION

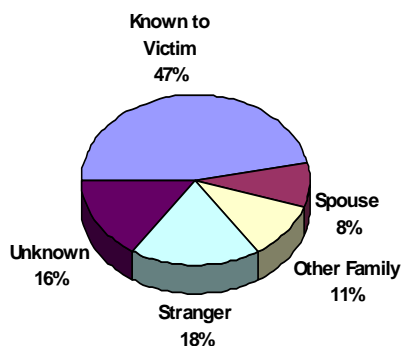
Circumstance	Number of Victims 2000	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2001	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2002	% Distr.
Rape	4	1.3	3	0.9	2	0.7
Robbery	42	14.1	35	10.9	35	11.6
B & E	4	1.3	5	1.6	6	2.0
Arson	2	0.7	4	1.3	0	0.0
Other Sex. Off.	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Drug Laws	25	8.4	27	8.4	24	7.9
Other Crimes	3	1.0	5	1.6	7	2.3
Lovers Quarrel	13	4.4	28	8.8	15	5.0
Police Killed	3	1.0	1	0.3	5	1.7
Juvenile Gang	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gangland	2	0.7	1	0.3	0	0.0
Arguments	120	40.4	109	34.1	120	39.6
Other	42	14.1	62	19.4	45	14.9
Unknown	37	12.5	40	12.5	44	14.5
State Total	297	100.0	320	100.0	303	100.0

2000-2002 RELATIONSHIP OF MURDER VICTIMS TO OFFENDERS

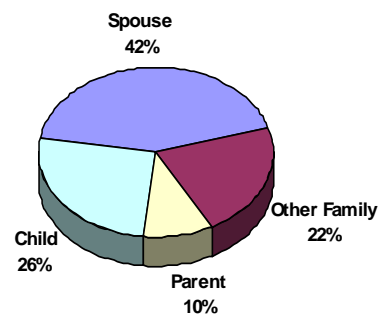
Relationship Of Victim To Offender	Number of Victims 2000	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2001	% Distr.	Number of Victims 2002	% Distr.
Within Family	51	17.2	68	21.3	57	18.8
Spouse	11	3.7	26	8.1	22	7.3
Common-Law Spouse	5	1.7	5	1.6	6	2.0
Parent, Stepparent	6	2.0	6	1.9	5	1.7
Child, Stepchild	17	5.7	17	5.3	12	4.0
Sibling, Stepsib.	6	2.0	6	1.9	2	0.7
Other Family	6	2.0	8	2.5	10	3.3
Known to Victim	136	45.9	146	45.6	148	48.8
Acquaintance	106	35.8	117	36.6	134	44.2
Boy/Girlfriend	30	10.1	29	9.1	14	4.6
Stranger	65	22.0	53	16.6	51	16.8
Unknown	44	14.9	53	16.6	47	15.5
State Total	296	100.0	320	100.0	303	100.0

NOTE: The victim counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all victims linked to this offense type are counted. For simplicity, only one relationship category has been counted for each victim. (If there was more than one offender related to a victim, only the relationship "closest" to that victim was counted.)

**2000-2002
MURDER BY RELATIONSHIP
(Victim to Offender)**



**2000-2002
MURDER WITHIN FAMILY
(Victim to Offender)**



2000-2002 MURDER INCIDENT WEAPON DISTRIBUTION

Weapons	2000 Incidents	% Distr.	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.
Handgun	135	47.5	136	44.3	122	42.7
Shotgun	14	4.9	17	5.5	21	7.3
Rifle	8	2.8	6	2.0	7	2.4
Other Firearm	29	10.2	38	12.4	39	13.6
Knife, Cutting Instr.	35	12.3	40	13.0	31	10.8
Hands, Fists	21	7.4	26	8.5	18	6.3
Other Weapons	30	10.6	35	11.4	34	11.9
Unknown	12	4.2	9	2.9	14	4.9
State Total	284	100.0	307	100.0	286	100.0

NOTE: The incident counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere), therefore, all incidents in this category are counted. For simplicity, only one weapon type has been counted for each incident. (If there was more than one weapon type used in an incident, only the primary weapon - as listed in order in this table - was counted.)

2000-2002 MURDER WEAPON DISTRIBUTION



2000-2002 MURDER INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2000 Incidents	% Distr.	2001 Incidents	% Distr.	2002 Incidents	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	169	59.5	189	61.6	161	56.3
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	46	16.2	63	20.5	59	20.6
Commercial	13	4.6	9	2.9	13	4.5
Nightclubs, Bars	19	6.7	10	3.3	13	4.5
Hotels, Motels	8	2.8	4	1.3	2	0.7
Convenience Stores, etc.	2	0.7	6	2.0	3	1.0
Schools, Churches	1	0.4	3	1.0	2	0.7
Woods, etc.	15	5.3	13	4.2	21	7.3
Other	11	3.9	10	3.3	12	4.2
State Total	284	100.0	307	100.0	286	100.0

NOTE: The counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere).

2000-2002 MURDER INCIDENTS BY PREMISE

